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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Sayoko Matsumoto et al.

Application No.: 10/574,583

Filed: February 8, 2007

For: METHOD OF STRETCHING
SINGLE-STRANDED NUCLEIC
ACID, SINGLE-STRANDED
NUCLEIC ACID STRETCHING
SYSTEM AND DNA CHIP

Group Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: Greene, Jaime M.

Confirmation No.: 3961

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a Restriction Requirement mailed November 2, 2007, the period for response to which having been extended through January 2, 2008, by a petition for extension of time of one month, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following groups of claims:

- Group I - Claims 1-4, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a nucleic acid stretch method;
- Group II - Claims 5-9, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a nucleic acid stretch method; and
- Group III - Claim 10, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a DNA chip.
- Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-4.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: December 5, 2007

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